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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATE, LINDA ZIMMERMAN

1. MISSION GENEVA HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT MR. AGOP HACIKYAN, CURRENTLY ON DETAIL FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO UNOG AS P-3 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF LANGUAGE TRAINING, HAS BEEN RE-CALLED BY HIS GOVERNMENT AND WILL RETURN THIS SUMMER.

2. WHEN MISSION OFFICER INQUIRED AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MS. ZIMMERMAN FILLING THIS POST, HE WAS TOLD THAT THERE WAS AN "INORDINATE AMOUNT OF PRESSURE" (FROM AN UNSPECIFIED SOURCE) TO FILL THE JOB FROM WITHIN THE UN WITH A CANDIDATE FROM UN HQS, RUMORED TO BE JEAN-MARC RECOUR, A FRENCH P-3 IN THE TRAINING SERVICE.

3. WHILE WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO COMMENT ON MR. RECOUR'S QUALIFICATIONS OR SUITABILITY FOR THE JOB, WE ARE VERY AWARE OF MS. ZIMMERMAN'S. SHE HAS ALREADY HELD THE SAME POST ON A PREVIOUS OCCASION, PROVED TO BE HIGHLY QUALIFIED, AND IS ONE OF THE BETTER CANDIDATES THAT WE CAN MUSTER FOR A JOB OF THIS TYPE. WE ARE ALSO LOATHE TO SEE TWO FRENCH PROFESSIONALS IN CHARGE OF UNOG'S ENTIRE LANGUAGE PROGRAM.

3. REQUEST USUN EXPLORE THE SITUATION DESCRIBED ABOVE, REGISTER OUR RESERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ADVISE WHAT MS. ZIMMERMAN'S CHANCES FOR THE P-3 UNOG JOB MIGHT BE. DALE

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